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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ashkenasz et al.

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MS: Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2004 to further highlight reasons why the application is in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the substitute Specification submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.